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Mr. Harry S. Mitchell
President
U.S. Civil Service Commission
Eighth and F Streets, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

You have undoubtedly been informed of the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947 granting me the authority to terminate the employment of any officer or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency whenever deemed advisable in the interest of the United States.

I am fully cognizant of the great responsibility placed upon me to administer this authority with fairness and justice to insure against its abuse within the Agency.

I have established a review board composed of my senior executives to assist me in the exercise of this authority, and will personally pass on each case prior to final action. I am enclosing as a matter of possible interest to the Commission the directive which I have issued covering this subject. A copy of this directive has been furnished to each employee of this Agency.

I will appreciate it if you will restrict this information to the officers and members of the Commission who, in your opinion, should have this knowledge in connection with paragraph 7 thereof, and wish to request it not be given any general publicity.

Sincerely,

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
REAR ADMIRAL, USN
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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